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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following Amendment of the Tulare County Association of Governments (TCAG) 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
2	State and Local Highway Elements <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adds or modifies funding for various State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) projects in Tulare County. The amendment includes projects with funding from the National Highway System (NHS), Surface Transportation Program (STP) and Traffic Congestion Relief Program (TCRP). See enclosure.

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration approve this FTIP Amendment No. 2 for inclusion into California's 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP in fiscal years not within the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP are not approved as part of this FTIP Amendment and are shown for information only.

The updated programming is for project types within Table 2 & 3 - Exempt Projects, of 40 CFR § 93.126 that are exempt from the conformity determination requirement, or have been found by the TCAG to conform to applicable air quality regulations. Therefore, this FTIP Amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis. These projects are included and submitted by

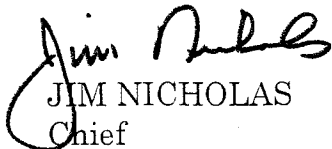
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the TCAG through the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS). Caltrans concerns, if any, are reflected in the "Caltrans comment" section of the FTIP Project Data Entry screen in CTIPS project by project.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Abhijit Bagde of my staff, at (916) 654-3638.

Sincerely,



JIM NICHOLAS
Chief

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Enclosures

- c: Karina O'Connor - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)
- George Finney - Tulare County Association of Governments
- Ted Smalley - Tulare County Association of Governments
- Abhijit Bagde - Caltrans